GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:718
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU STADIUM
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi is being regularly used for commercial purposes instead of promoting sports activities particularly when the Sydney, 2000 Olympics is fast approaching;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.718 REGAF
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU STADIUM ASKED BY SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA.

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium has sports facilities for Athletics and Football in the main arena and also for Cricket, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Boxing, Weightlifting, Judo, Volleyball and Gymnastics in the peripheral areas.These facilities are being used for sports promotion activities only. However, the Sports Authority of India is also dependent on revenue generation from Non-sports activities so as to meet for its total expenditure in addition to the Non-Plan budgetary support from Govt.For this objective, several areas in and around the Stadium which are not utilised for sports purposes, are also given out on commercial basis for revenue generation. Facilities inside the Main arena of J.N. Stadium are rented out only if they are not being utilised for training of elite athletes. In case any event or training camp for Indian team is scheduled at J.N. Stadium, that venue is not utilised for commercial activities or revenue generation.